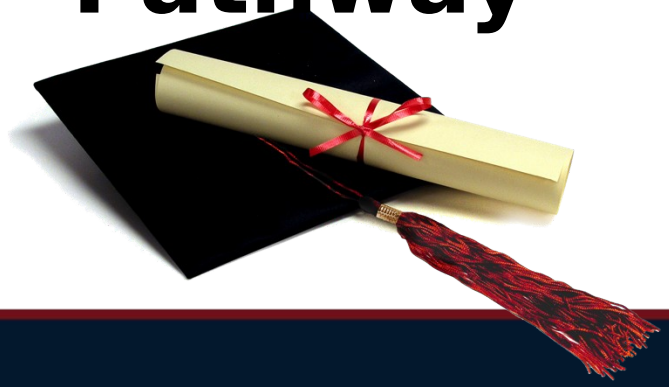
Funding Educational Costs

Financial Planning for College/Career Technical Pathway



Overview

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5. Additional Resources and Knowledge

1. Cost Benefit Analysis

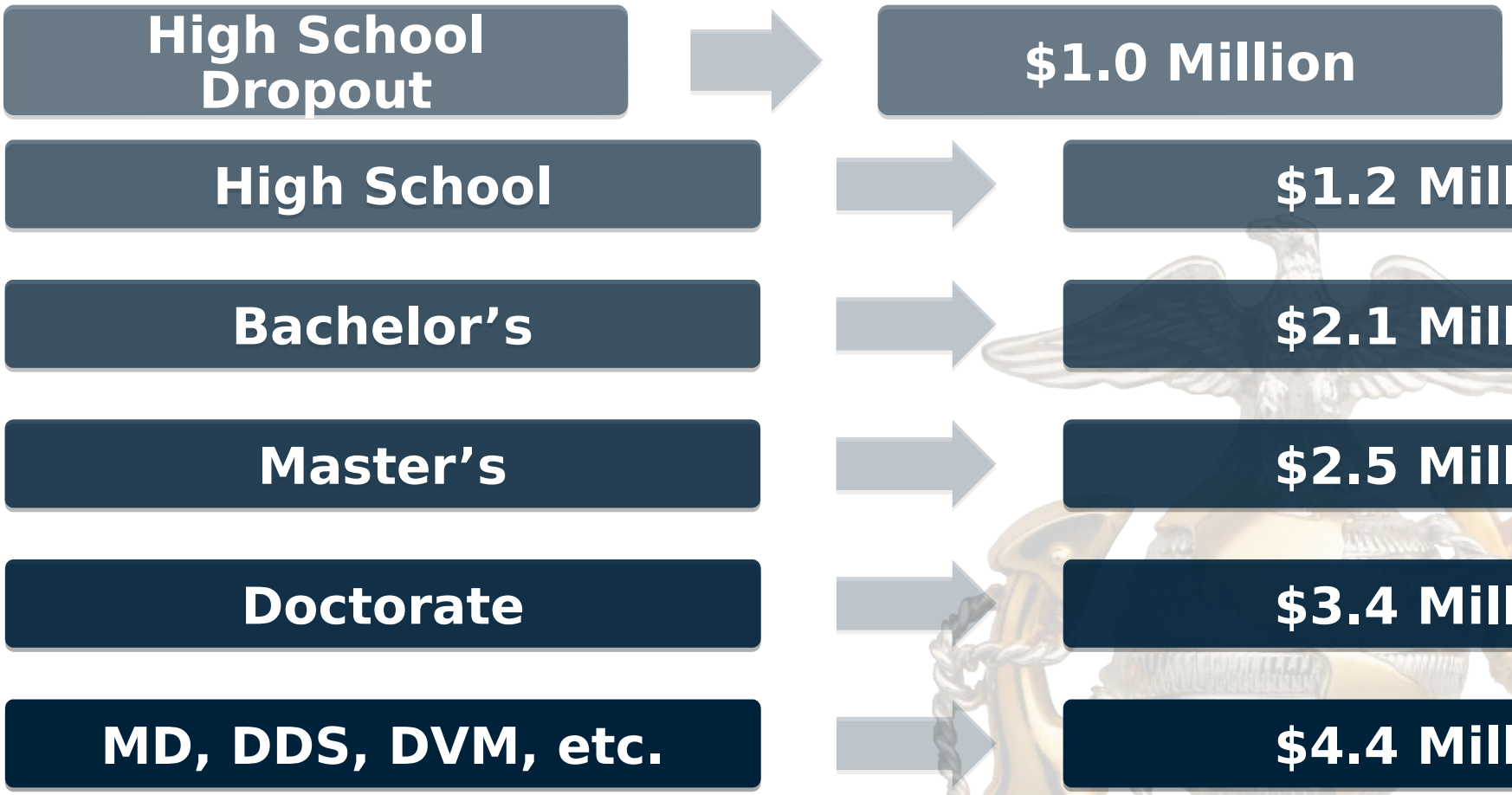
The Cost of Education Debt

- 1 year at public college = $7,605
- 1 year at private college = $27,293
- Average net price at public college per year = $1,505
- Average debt of a graduate from a public college = $10,000

Student Debt Statistics

- $100 Billion Loans Taken Out
- $1 trillion Loans Outstanding
- #1 Source of U.S. Household Debt (outside mortgage)
- Graduating Senior borrows average $23,000
- Borrowing twice more than a decade ago

Education Pays



Salary Potential vs. Education Debt

- Review Career Field and Salary Projections
- Research Salary Potential vs. Educational Costs

Average $49,000 projected salary
vs. $50,000–$100,000 Educational Costs

School Costs vs. Benefit Received

- Compare each schools total costs and compare it to the financial assistance you are expecting.
- Confirm its Accreditation.
- Work with an Education Specialist

2. Education Funding for Service Members

Overview

- Educational Opportunities for Marines
- Other Military Programs
- Grants/Free Money
- Loans
- Avoiding Scams
- IRA Withdrawals
- Living on the Income/Funding Received
- Additional Income
- Repaying Student Loans/Forgiveness
- CFPB
- Additional Knowledge

Educational Opportunities for Marines

- Service Member Opportunity Colleges Marine Corps (SOCMAR)
- Sailor/Marine American Council on Education Registry Transcript (SMART)
- Marine Corps College Fund
- Yellow Ribbon Program
- Post 9/11 GI Bill
- Montgomery GI Bill

Grants/Free Money

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- Campus-base Institutional Grants
- Scholarships

Loans

- Private Loans
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Stafford Loans
  - Direct Subsidized
  - Direct Unsubsidized
- Federal Direct Consolidation Loan

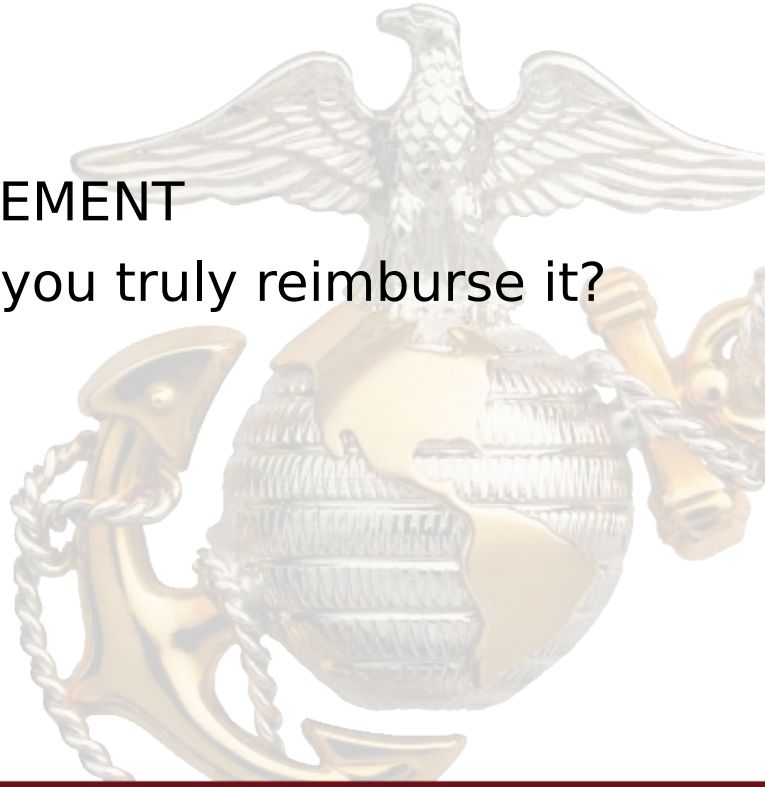
Avoiding Scams

Be wary of:

- Solicitations for federal aid
- Loan conversion promises
- Application processing fees
- Giving out your information

IRA Withdrawals

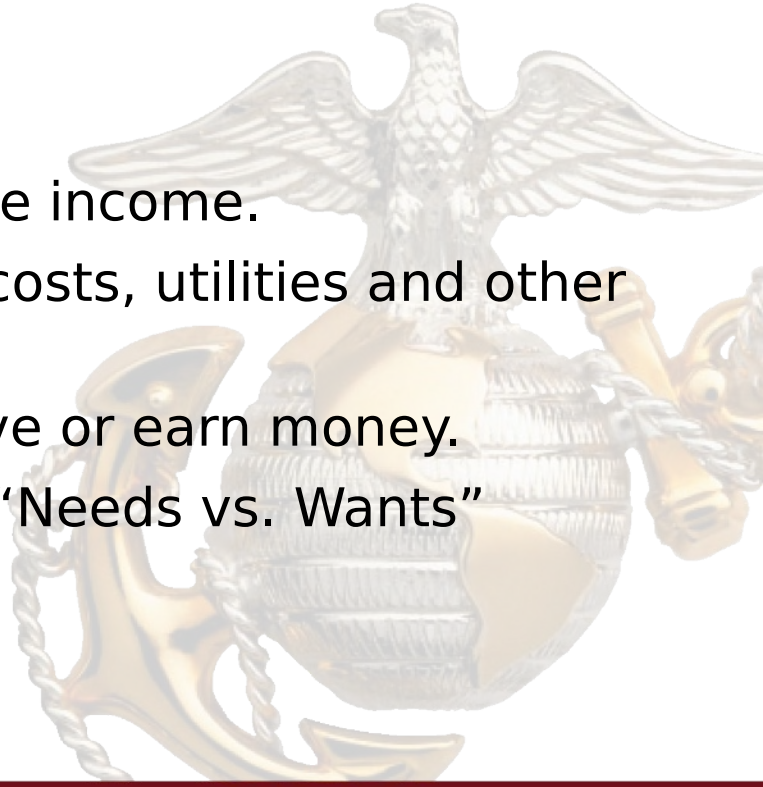
- Qualified expenses
- Avoid 10% penalty
- HOWEVER, PAY INCOME TAX
- Eligible family member
- Look for other options
- NO SCHOLARSHIPS/LOANS FOR RETIREMENT
- Life will always have expenses — will you truly reimburse it?
- Be careful!



3. Living on the Income/Funding

Living on the Income/Funding

- BAH for E-5 with dependents
- Up to $1,000 for books and supplies
- One time relocation allowance (rural locations)
- Scholarships, Grants, Loans
- Develop a budget
- Evaluate costs of schooling against the income.
- Consider rental costs, transportation costs, utilities and other daily expenses.
- Search out sites that can help you save or earn money.
- Live below your means and practice “Needs vs. Wants”



Additional Income

- Employment at the college (Free or reduced tuition)
- Full/Part-time Job
- Spouse’s Income
- Unemployment Income
- Be Creative

4. Student Loan Repayment/Forgiveness

Repaying/Reducing Student Loans

- Combination Degree
- Community Service qualifies for loan forgiveness
- Work Study
- Off Peak Semesters
- Paid Internships
- Debt Consolidation (Get Professional Advice First)

Public Service Loan Forgiveness

- Make 120 payments
- Qualify for forgiveness of the remaining balance due on their eligible federal student loans
- While employed full-time by certain public service employers

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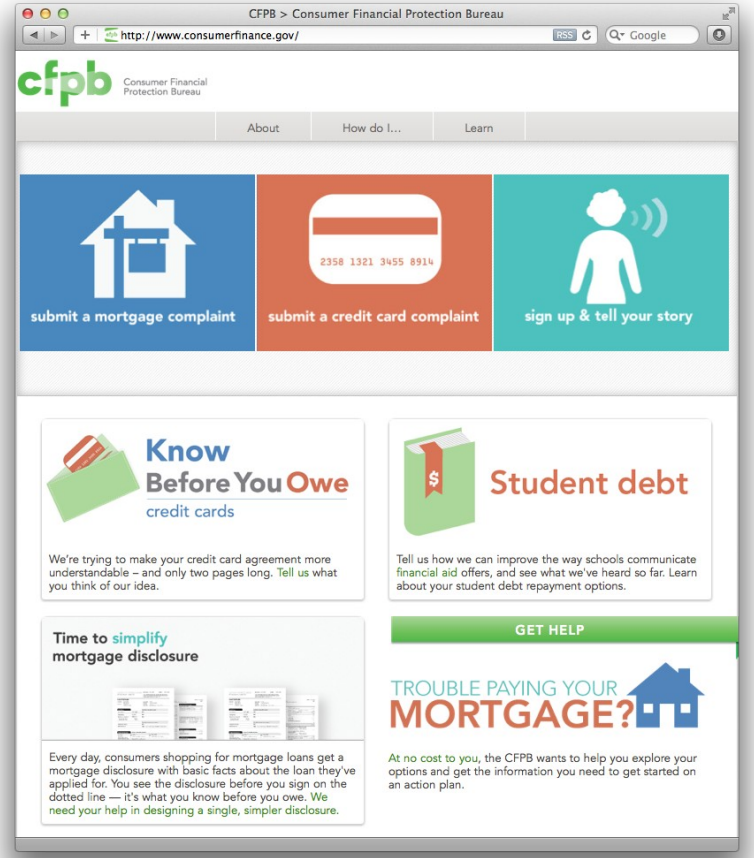
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- "Know Before You Owe"
- Financial Aid Shopping Checklist
- Student Debt Repayment Assistant

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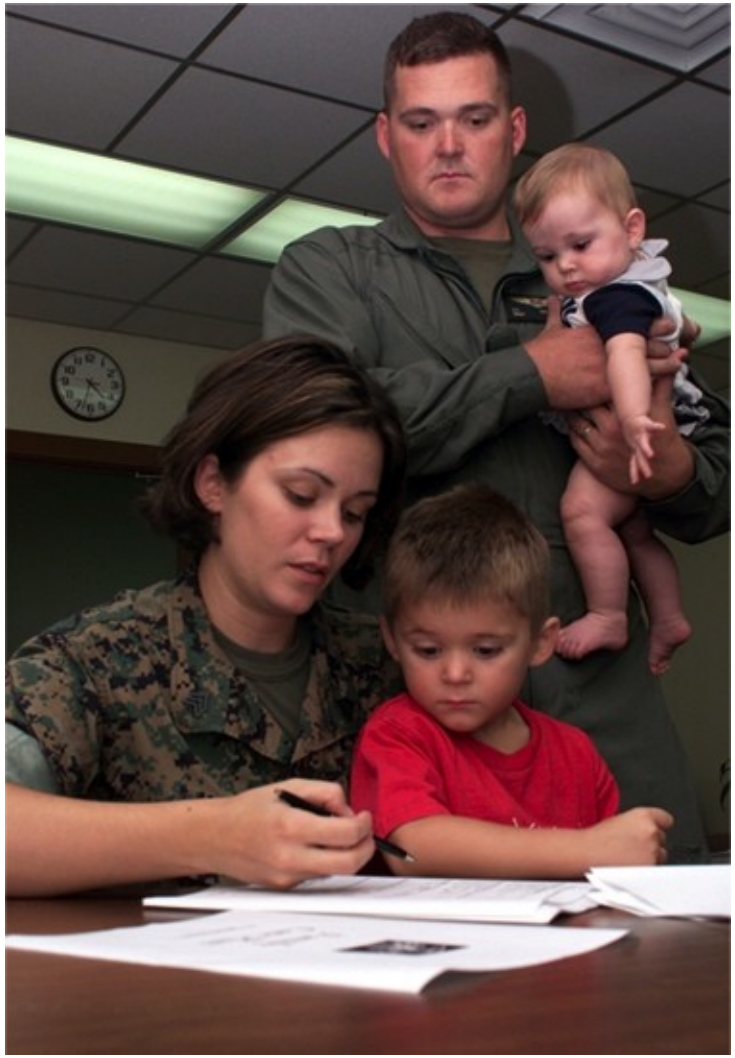
5. Additional Resources and Knowledge

Additional Knowledge

- E-Knowledge
- College Entrance Exams
- Non-College Degree Program
- On-the-Job and Apprenticeship Training
- Flight Programs
- Correspondence Training
- PFM Financial Education Workshops



Summary

- Start early
- Do your research
- Explore your options